

MOTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2255 TO VACATE, SET ASIDE, OR CORRECT
SENTENCE BY A PERSON IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

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United States District Court		District of Massachusetts
Name (under which you were convicted): Alexander Cordero		Docket or Case No.: 1:01CR10469-017-WGY
Place of Confinement: FPC-Talladega	Prisoner No.: 05119-070	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Movant (include name under which you were convicted) v. ALEXANDER CORDERO

MOTION

- (a) Name and location of court that entered the judgment of conviction you are challenging: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
- (b) Criminal docket or case number (if you know): 1:01CR10469-017-WGY
- (a) Date of the judgment of conviction (if you know): _____
- (b) Date of sentencing: June 19, 2003
- Length of sentence: 87 months
- Nature of crime (all counts): Conspiracy To Possess w/ the Intent To Distribute U.S.C. 21 846
- (a) What was your plea? (Check one)

(1) Not guilty ☐ (2) Guilty ☒ (3) Nolo contendere (no contest) ☐
- (b) If you entered a guilty plea to one count or indictment, and a not guilty plea to another count or indictment, what did you plead guilty to and what did you plead not guilty to? _____
- If you went to trial, what kind of trial did you have? (Check one) Jury ☐ Judge only ☒

7. Did you testify at a pretrial hearing, trial, or post-trial hearing? Yes ☒ No ☐
8. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction? Yes ☒ No ☐
9. If you did appeal, answer the following:
- (a) Name of court: UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT
- (b) Docket or case number (if you know): 03-1967
- (c) Result: Appeal was dropped in order to file a 2255 motion
- (d) Date of result (if you know): Judgement entered April 7, 2004
- (e) Citation to the case (if you know): _____
- (f) Grounds raised: District Court erred by adopting probation office
recomendation that no sentencing consideration for
"acceptance of responsibility" be given on the basis of
police contact and not arrest as stated previously by
probation officer. Appeal was dropped (voluntarily
dismissed) Judgement entered April 7, 2004
- (g) Did you file a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court? Yes ☐ No ☒
- If "Yes," answer the following:
- (1) Docket or case number (if you know): _____
- (2) Result: _____
- (3) Date of result (if you know): _____
- (4) Citation to the case (if you know): _____
- (5) Grounds raised: _____
10. Other than the direct appeals listed above, have you previously filed any other motions, petitions, or applications concerning this judgment of conviction in any court?
- Yes ☐ No ☒
11. If your answer to Question 10 was "Yes," give the following information:
- (a) (1) Name of court: _____
- (2) Docket or case number (if you know): _____
- (3) Date of filing (if you know): _____

(4) Nature of the proceeding: _____

(5) Grounds raised: _____

(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(7) Result: _____

(8) Date of result (if you know): _____

(b) If you filed any second motion, petition, or application, give the same information:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Docket or case number (if you know): _____

(3) Date of filing (if you know): _____

(4) Nature of the proceeding: _____

(5) Grounds raised: _____

(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application? Yes ☐ No ☐

(7) Result: _____

(8) Date of result (if you know): _____

(c) Did you appeal to a federal appellate court having jurisdiction over the action taken on your motion, petition, or application?

(1) First petition: Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) Second petition: Yes ☐ No ☐

(d) If you did not appeal from the action on any motion, petition, or application, explain briefly why you did not: _____

12. For this motion, state every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground.

GROUND ONE: INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

PETITIONER ALLEGES THE DISTRICT COURT DENIED HIM HIS DUE
PROCESS RIGHTS BY USING THE PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE
STANDARD TO DETERMINE HIM INELIGIBLE FOR THE "ACCEPTANCE OF
RESPONSIBILITY" DOWNWARD DEPARTURE, WHICH HAD AN EXTREMELY
DISPROPORTIONATE EFFECT ON HIS SENTENCE

(b) Direct Appeal of Ground One:

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes No ☒

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: Appeal was
dropped on (voluntarily dismissed) on April 7, 2004

(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: _____

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: _____

GROUND TWO: INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

SENTENCE MUST BE SET ASIDE WHERE DEFENDANT DEMONSTRATED
THAT FALSE INFORMATION FORMED PART OF THE BASIS FOR THE SENTENCE,
THUS DENYING THE PETITIONER HIS RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS

(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Two:

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: Appeal was
dropped (voluntarily dismissed) April 7, 2004

(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: _____

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: _____

GROUND THREE: INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

DEFENSE ATTORNEY'S FAILURE TO REQUEST EVIDENTIARY HEARING
OR FAILING TO CALL WITNESS' TO CHALLENGE INFORMATION CONTAINED
IN THE PRESENTENCE REPORT WAS PREJUDICIAL TO PETITIONER,
CONSTITUTING A CLEAR INSTANCE OF INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF
COUNSEL, THEREFORE REQUIRING RELIEF UNDER 28 U.S.C. §2255

(b) **Direct Appeal of Ground Three:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: _____

(c) **Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: _____

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: _____

GROUND FOUR: INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

PETITIONER WAS PREJUDICED BY GOVERNMENTS BREACH OF PLEA
AGREEMENT AND COUNSEL'S FAILURE TO ADDRESS THIS AT SENTENCING
OR HIS FAILURE TO REQUEST EVIDENTIARY HEARING IN REGARDS TO
BREACH OF PLEA

(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Four:

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: Appeal voluntarily
dismissed April 7, 2004

(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: _____

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: _____

Docket or case number (if you know): _____

Date of the court's decision: _____

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): _____

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: _____

13. Is there any ground in this motion that you have not previously presented in some federal court?

If so, which ground or grounds have not been presented, and state your reasons for not

presenting them: These grounds would have been presented to the U.S. Court of Appeals for The First Circuit but the appeal was voluntarily dismissed to file this motion.

14. Do you have any motion, petition, or appeal now pending (filed and not decided yet) in any court for the judgment you are challenging? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes," state the name and location of the court, the docket or case number, the type of proceeding, and the issues raised. _____

15. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the judgment you are challenging:

(a) At preliminary hearing: Steven DiLibrio

(b) At arraignment and plea: Joseph Voccola

(c) At trial: Joseph Voccola

(d) At sentencing: Joseph Voccola

(e) On appeal: Darla Jean Mondou, Upton, Massachusetts

(f) In any post-conviction proceeding: _____

(g) On appeal from any ruling against you in a post-conviction proceeding: _____

16. Were you sentenced on more than one count of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court and at the same time? Yes ☐ No ☒

17. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence for the judgment that you are challenging? Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) If so, give name and location of court that imposed the other sentence you will serve in the future: _____

(b) Give the date the other sentence was imposed: _____

(c) Give the length of the other sentence: _____

(d) Have you filed, or do you plan to file, any motion, petition, or application that challenges the judgment or sentence to be served in the future? Yes ☐ No ☐

- (1) the date on which the judgment of conviction became final;
- (2) the date on which the impediment to making a motion created by governmental action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the movant was prevented from making such a motion by such governmental action;
- (3) the date on which the right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if that right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or
- (4) the date on which the facts supporting the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

Therefore, movant asks that the Court grant the following relief: Petitioner asks that the sentence be vacated and he be resentenced at a Criminal History Category 2, Offense Level 25 (this is with the 3-points for acceptance of responsibility petitioner feels he is entitled to). or any other relief to which movant may be entitled.

Signature of Attorney (if any)

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 was placed in the prison mailing system on August 19, 2004 (month, date, year).

Executed (signed) on August 19, 2004 (date).

Alexander Cordaro
Signature of Movant

If the person signing is not movant, state relationship to movant and explain why movant is not signing this motion. _____

IN FORMA PAUPERIS DECLARATION
U.S. Court of Appeals for The First Circuit

[Insert appropriate court]

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Petitioner is preparing a Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Pro-se Motion Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2255 and will supply it in a timely fashion.

VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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In the nature of 28 U.S.C. §1746(1), the petitioner, hereby attests to the best of his knowledge the current information and all matters of law and fact as set out above are true and correct. That under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the state wherein this executed, that he has placed 2 true and correct copies of the foregoing in accordance of Houston v. Lack, 487 U.S. 266 (1988), this motion is deemed filed and served as dated, being executed at the Federal Prison Camp - Talladega, PMB - 2000, Talladega, Alabama 35160, by placing it into first class mail, with sufficient postage affixed, prepaid and properly addressed to the following: JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

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Respectfully submitted,



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